

Enterprise Power Platform Governance: The 25-Point Checklist

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I. Environment Strategy (The Foundation)

1. **Default Environment Lockdown:** Restrict app creation in the Default environment to "Personal Productivity" only.
2. **Tiered Environment Taxonomy:** Establish clear Sandbox, Development, UAT, and Production environments for departmental apps.
3. **Managed Environments Activation:** Enable Managed Environments for all production workloads to gain advanced usage insights.
4. **Region Enforcement:** Ensure all environments are located in the appropriate geo-region to comply with data residency laws.
5. **DLP Policy Scoping:** Create separate DLP policies for "Productivity" vs. "Enterprise" environments.
6. **Automated Environment Requests:** Implement a Power Apps/Power Automate flow to handle new environment requests with approval gates.
7. **Resource Cleanup:** Schedule a monthly "Orphaned Resource" review to reassign or delete apps with no active owners.

II. Data Security & DLP (The Guardrails)

8. **Connector Action Control:** Configure rules to block specific actions (e.g., "Delete") within the SQL and SharePoint connectors.
9. **Endpoint Filtering:** Limit custom connectors to communicate only with pre-approved corporate API endpoints.
10. **Cross-Tenant Isolation:** Disable cross-tenant inbound and outbound connections to prevent data leakage.
11. **Tenant-Level Analytics:** Enable "Tenant-Level Analytics" in the Admin Center for global visibility into connector usage.
12. **Sensitivity Label Sync:** Integrate Microsoft Purview sensitivity labels with Power BI and Dataverse.

13. **Service Principal Usage:** Ensure all enterprise-critical flows use a Service Principal instead of a personal user account.

III. CoE & Operational Excellence (The Engine)

14. **CoE Starter Kit Core:** Install and configure the "Core Components" of the Center of Excellence Starter Kit.
15. **Maker Welcome Journey:** Automate a welcome email to every first-time maker with links to internal training and policies.
16. **Business Justification Flow:** Trigger a mandatory justification form for any app shared with more than 20 users.
17. **App Quarantine Process:** Automatically quarantine apps that do not meet minimum compliance or documentation standards.
18. **Capacity Alerts:** Set up Dataverse storage alerts at 80% and 90% thresholds.
19. **Licensing Optimization:** Use the CoE "License Report" to identify users with premium licenses who are not utilizing them.

IV. Development & ALM (The Professional Standard)

20. **Managed Solutions Only:** Enforce a "No Unmanaged Solutions in Production" rule for all departmental apps.
21. **Power Platform Pipelines:** Implement "In-Product" pipelines for seamless movement from Dev to Test to Prod.
22. **Environment Variables:** Use Environment Variables for all connection strings and configuration values.
23. **Canvas App Checker:** Require a "High" score on the built-in App Checker before any production deployment.
24. **Global Search for Secrets:** Regularly scan flows for hard-coded passwords or API keys (moved to Key Vault).
25. **Architectural Review Board:** Establish a monthly "Peer Review" for high-impact solutions to ensure architectural integrity.